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In re: Pennington

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the Office Action of June 17, 2002. A three month extension is requested, thereby extending the due date for the response to December 17, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as provided below in the response. The amendment paragraphs are provided to replace those starting on page 1, line 5 to page 2, line 6; and page 20, lines 19-25. A clean copy of the amendment is provided on page 2 of the response, with a marked up version provided in Appendix A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 29 and 34. In addition, delete Claims 10, 11, and 22-27; and add Claims 37-46. A clean copy of the amended claims starts on page 4 of the response, with a marked up version provided in Appendix B.

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